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APPLICANT: PURICELLI ET AL.

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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April 16, 2007

SIR:

We request that the response term to the outstanding office action dated November 15, 2006 be extended two month(s) from February 15, 2007 to April 16, 2007. We enclose a check for the requisite fee of:

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Two Months	\$ 225	\$ 450

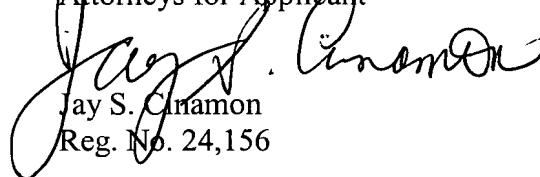
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